THE MINISTER OF STATE IN[1] THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No State Government has reported scarcity of liquid milk at present.

(b) The Government promulgated the Milk and Milk Product Order on 9th June, 1992 which, among other thingu, provides tor temporary res trictions on the distribution of liquid) Milk or the production of any milk product bj' any class or category of produceis for a specified period of time not exceeding 90 days at a time.

(c) The Government has not confis cated milk powder in any State.

(d) At the request of the State Governments and Union Territory Administration concerned, the Gov ernment has issued Orders imposing temporary restrictions for specified pericyte on production of milk pro ducts in Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi and export of liquid milk from Gujarat and Rajasthan.

Cooperatives in Dairy Industry

3289. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM-RAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared its policy tcjb-give preferential treatment to Cooperatives in dairy industry while delicensing the Dairy Industry last year;

(b) if so, the details of such preferences and guidelines followed by Government in giving such preferen-ies; and

(c) whether healthy competition. would! prevail between private and co-perative dairies when preferential treatment is given to cooperative dairies by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The Milk and Milk Product Order issued by the Government on 9th June, 1992 under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 has made provisions which give preferential treatment to co-operatives in the dairy sector the details of which are given in the statement *(See* below.)

(c) No assessment has been made in this regard.

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1. There are two representatives from the co-operative dairy sector on the Milk and Product Advisory Board under the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Milk and Milk Product Order, 1992.

2. In specifying terms and conditions for registration under the Order, the registering authority shall have regard to, among others, the policy of preferential treatment to the co-operataives sector under the provisions of paragraph 5 of the Order.

3. Where the registering authority considers it necessary in the public interest, by reason of shortage?(of in the milkshed or of surplus milk in an area outside milkshed area, it may permit the holder of the registration certificate to collect or procure ilk from outside the milkshed, for such period not exceeding ninety days, as it may specify on that behalf and the collection of milk from outside the milksbed shall be made only through co-operative milk federation or union, at a price mutually agreed upon, and iu the absence of any such agreement, at the price at which the co-operative federation or uniou concerned sells milk to any other co-operative federatior or the union under the provisions of paragraph 11 of the Order.